

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Minutes

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**WAYNE TWP. FD  
700 N. HIGH SCHOOL RD.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN  
JULY 19, 2004  
10:00 am**

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**A. Pursuant to IC 22-12-3-6, the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education convened at 10:00 a.m. with Chairperson Paul Covington presiding:**

a. The following Board Members were present:

Mike Bigler for Marshal Nevil  
Paul Covington  
Charles (Don) Hall  
Thomas Hanify arr 10:15  
Jack Kerney  
Tom Loraine  
Jerry Nulliner

b. The following Board Members were absent:

Bernice Clark  
Patrick Donoghue  
Darrick Scott  
Director Taylor

c. Also Present

Ivan Nevil, Fire Academy Administrator  
Cindy Cleveland, for Program Coordinator  
Randy Wood, PSTI TO  
Harold McCard, New Haven F.D.  
John Shafer, Greencastle F.D.  
Randy Wood, PSTI TO  
Maynard Masters, Kendallville F.D./EBT  
Chris Walker, Ft. Wayne F.D.

**B. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken with a quorum of seven

**C. Minutes of June 11, 2004; Board Meeting; & Statistical Report June 2004**

Don Hall made a motion to approve the June 11, 2004 Board Minutes as printed and distributed. Jack Kerney seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jack Kerney made a

motion to approve the June Statistical Report as printed and distributed. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**D. Variances, Hearings and Appeals**

a. **Brian Kazmierzak, a member of the Clay Fire Territory in Saint Joseph County** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-11, Fire Officer IV, based upon having completed and receiving a Degree of Fire Science Management from the University of Southern Illinois.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve the variance for FO IV on staff recommendation. Tom Loraine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. **Brian Millard, a member of the Lawrence Fire Department** requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-11, Fire Officer IV, based upon receiving a Bachelor of Science from the University of Suffield.

Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the variance for FO IV. Don Hall seconded. Staff recommendation to deny. Ivan nevil stated that he went on-line to the Suffield University website. Apparently University of Suffield is not a college, it is a body that you send your information on what your want whether you want an Associates Degree, Bachelors Degree, Masters Degree, or a Doctor's Degree and for a fee based on the information provided send a transcript, which is what the board has. Tom Loraine talked to Brian this morning. Brian is enrolled at the University of Maryland and will graduate next year. Tom did not know about the extent of Suffield, but he told Brian at that time if he was unable to be at the meeting to defend himself himself there may be questions relative to the transcripts that had been provided and he may need to delay this request. Motion Denied. A letter from PSTI would be appropriate.

c. **Michael Ornat, a member of the St. Joseph County Airport Authority** is requesting a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.11, Fire Officer III. He has completed and received from Ivy Tech College an Associates Degree in Fire Science/Public Safety.

Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the variance for FO III on staff recommendation Jack Kerney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. **Scott Hendershot, a member of the Columbus Fire Department** is requesting a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10, Fire Officer III, based upon having completed a course of instruction and receiving an Associates in Public Safety from Ivy Tech College.

Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the variance for FO III on staff recommendation. Jack Kerney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**E. SEMA/DFBS/PSTI Report**

None at this time

#### **F. State Fire Marshal Report**

Mike Bigler reported that Indiana Weekend was a success this year and they're hoping to get the word out for better attendance next year. Mike Bigler reported that the State Fire Marshal's Office and PSTI have put in for some money to deliver courses and training to the fire service.

#### **G. Public Safety Training Institute Report**

Ivan Nevil reported that this is a very busy time right now with all the vacant positions.

#### **H. Administrative Proceedings**

Ivan Nevil reported that a conference call for an appeal process is scheduled for next month with John Has, Roger Schrock from New Paris, and the firefighters from South Haven.

#### **I. Old Business**

a. **IFSAC** - Paul Covington - The fall meeting will be in Nova Scotia on September 24-25, 2004.

b. **House Bill #1106** -Ivan reported the video contract has been prepared, and is on Brad Gavin's desk. Ivan is going to contact 3 companies here in Indianapolis for price quotes as soon as he gets the paperwork back. The company will then have 30 days after that to provide the material back to us. The Fire Marshal's Office will have all copyrights. Should be ready by the middle of September at the latest.

c. **Certification Task Force** - Tom Loraine will be meeting on the 28th of this month to put some materials in writing and deliver back to the Board on progress reports. There are public hearings under Senator Meeks' committee scheduled for October.

d. **655 IAC 1-1-12**- Ivan reported that Mara had asked the board to go home and review to see if there were any changes they wanted to make in the new rules. It had to do with another issue on practical skills. Tom Loraine was concerned with oral testing. Waiting on any input the board might have and put any changes in writing.

e. **Rules**- Ivan stated that the rules should be final the middle of August. Randy and Jim have the test validations all completed, as soon as the rules are complete a site visit will be scheduled with the IFSAC Manager. Hoping to have them complete by the September meeting. Ivan also reported that the Task Force that was working on the specialty rescues wanted to have continuing education requirements to maintain certification at those levels. They felt like if they are going to get in this type work, it's not something they can get certified today and 10 years later come back and still be solid and ready to go. Ivan and Mara went back to the statute, and will be working on legislation to allow the board to provide continuing education requirements in the future for anything they want without asking for something specific. The opportunity will be there for the board in the future if they want to require continuing education, which they have the ability to do without going through the rule and regulatory process.

e. **Cognitive Test Validation**- Tom Loraine suggested that the system that Paul Spurlin developed should be put back in place to validate our Cognitive Tests and spell out specifically who is involved in that validation process. Tom Loraine made a motion to set certain criteria for validation of cognitive tests. Tom Hanify seconded the motion. After lengthy discussion motion carried.

J. **New Business**

a. **Tim Whitham** - Practical Skills for an Inspector I/II course he taught - Paul Covington stated that Thomas McGaffrey has requested the Board to overturn a decision made by Ivan on denying the granting of the acceptance of the practicals. Paul Covington stated that there are discrepancies with the dates. Ivan stated this issue was tabled in May. They have 90 days to take a retest, after 90 days they can either wait one year or take another course. Tom Hanify made a motion to support the staff's decision to deny the request. Tom Loraine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. **NIMS** - Maynard Masters reported that they have met a couple of times and are going to meet again on July 30th in the SEMA office. It is going to be a work program to set up the SEMA program to inject the slides that need to comply with NIMS. John Buckman worked with them the first part of this month and helped out in some areas. Maynard stated that Heather wants to have the revised program up and running by October. Several agencies are involved in helping. Ivan stated Wayne Yoder was a speaker at the Indiana Weekend Introduction and is in charge of working on the NIMS program for FEMA. The FEMA program will be ready in September. Tom Loraine said to refer to Mara and the memoranda that she has to be included in NIMS for the next set of proposed rule changes. Tom Loraine wanted to add Strategy Tactics and NIMS for the next meeting in Old Business.

c. **New Rules** - Jerry Nulliner referred to Rescue Task Force and the Instructor qualifications how does that need to be established with the new rules. Ivan stated that the present rules state that you have to be certified in that area prior to teaching an advanced course.

K. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40a.m.